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In re Application of:
Kuberasampath *et al.*

Serial No: 09/597,517

Attorney Docket No. CIBT-P07-503

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Art Unit: 1646

For: Method for Reducing Tissue Damage
Associated with Ischemia-Reperfusion
or Hypoxia Injury

Examiner: E. Kemmerer

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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.113

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed July 30, 2002, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

3. (Amended Twice) A method for alleviating tissue destructive effects associated with an inflammatory response to an injured tissue in a mammal, comprising:

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- (i) identifying one or more agents that stimulate *in vivo* a therapeutically effective concentration of an endogenous morphogen having an amino acid sequence selected from at least one of: